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PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 5-2-2001 2:00 PM
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 5-2-2001 11:30 AM
NATURE OF CALL: BODY RECOVERED
LOCATION OF CALL: FOLSOM LAKE
CASE NUMBER: SO 01-7136
SUSPECTS: N/A

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Today divers from the Placer County Sheriff's Department and State Parks located a body in Folsom Lake. Yesterday Don Laughlin of West Coast Recoveries, using his side scanning sonar system, located a target underwater in the area of a drowning that occurred on April 1st of this year. Laughlin notified the Sheriff's Department and today divers investigated that target. At approximately 11:30 a.m. divers located the target and identified it as a body, that was eventually recovered and transported to the Placer County Morgue.

The body was recovered in approximately 70 feet of water about 300 yards from where Robert Fritz, 64, of Citrus Heights disappeared on Sunday, April 1st. The body is believed to be that of Fritz, but positive I.D. and the cause of death are pending.

Divers were able to anchor their boat within 10 feet of the body because of the work of Don Laughlin. He located the body with his sonar and gave divers coordinates as to the location. The family and the authorities are grateful for Laughlin's dedication and hard work that led to the recovery.

RELEASED BY LT. RICK ARMSTRONG

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